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FORT BRANCH WOMEN SENTENCED FOR FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that APRIL M. HARVEY, 25, of Fort Branch, Indiana, was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following her guilty plea to aggravated identity theft, mail fraud, and wire fraud. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Between June 1, 2007 and July 16, 2007, HARVEY used the identity of another person to obtain a student loan and a credit card. The Information alleges that HARVEY received approximately \$17,500 as a result of the fraud by cashing and spending a loan proceeds check and by charging the credit card issued in another person's name to the maximum. HARVEY admitted that she used some of the money obtained through the fraud to pay off a loan on a four-wheel vehicle she owned. As a part of her guilty plea, HARVEY agreed to forfeit the four-wheel vehicle. HARVEY also admitted that she gained access to the victim's identification information while watching the victim's children. HARVEY caused the victim's mail to be forwarded to another address as a part of the scheme.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years supervised release following HARVEY's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, HARVEY must make restitution in the amount of \$17,389.

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